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(9) The license shall be subject to termination or suspension as provided in § 2920.9-3 of this title.

[48 FR 7422, Feb. 18, 1983, as amended at 55 FR 12351, Apr. 3, 1990; 70 FR 58615, Oct. 7, 2005]

§ 3141.3 Land use plans.

No lease shall be issued under this subpart unless the lands have been included in a land use plan which meets the requirements under part 1600 of this title or an approved Minerals Management Plan of the National Park Service. The decision to hold a lease sale and issue leases shall be in conformance with the appropriate plan.

§ 3141.4 Consultation.

§ 3141.4-1 Consultation with the Governor.

The Secretary shall consult with the Governor of the State in which any tract proposed for sale is located. The Secretary shall give the Governor 30 days to comment before determining whether to conduct a lease sale. The Secretary shall seek the recommendations of the Governor of the State in which the lands proposed for lease are located as to whether or not to lease such lands and what alternative actions are available and what special conditions could be added to the proposed lease(s) to mitigate impacts. The Secretary shall accept the recommendations of the Governor if he/she determines that they provide for a reasonable balance between the national interest and the State's interest. The Secretary shall communicate to the Governor in writing and publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER the reasons for his/her determination to accept or reject such Governor's recommendations.

§ 3141.4-2 Consultation with others.

(a) Where the surface is administered by an agency other than the Bureau of Land Management, including lands patented or leased under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), all leasing under this subpart shall be in accordance with the consultation requirements of subpart 3100 of this title.

(b) The issuance of combined hydrocarbon leases, oil and gas leases, and

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tar sand leases within special tar sand areas in units of the National Park System shall be allowed only where mineral leasing is permitted by law and where the lands are open to mineral resource disposition in accordance with any applicable Minerals Management Plan. In order to consent to any issuance of a combined hydrocarbon lease, oil and gas lease, tar sand lease, or subsequent development of hydrocarbon resources within a unit of National Park System, the Regional Director of the National Park Service shall find that there will be no resulting significant adverse impacts to the resources and administration of the unit or other contiguous units of the National Park System in accordance with § 3109.2 (b) of this title.

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§ 3141.5 Leasing procedures.

§ 3141.5-1 Economic evaluation.

Prior to any lease sale for a combined hydrocarbon lease, the authorized officer shall request an economic evaluation of the total hydrocarbon resource on each proposed lease tract exclusive of coal, oil shale, or gilsonite.

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§ 3141.5-2 Term of lease.

(a) Combined hydrocarbon leases or oil and gas leases shall have a primary term of 10 years and shall remain in effect so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities.

(b) Tar Sand leases shall have a primary term of 10 years and shall remain in effect so long thereafter as tar sand is produced in paying quantities.

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§ 3141.5-3 Royalties and rentals.

(a) The royalty rate on all combined hydrocarbon leases or tar sand leases is 12½ percent of the value of production removed or sold from a lease. The Minerals Management Service shall be responsible for collecting and administering royalties.

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(b) The lessee may request the Secretary to reduce the royalty rate applicable to tar sand prior to commencement of commercial operations in order to promote development and maximum production of the tar sand resource in accordance with procedures established by the Bureau of Land Management and may request a reduction in the royalty after commencement of commercial operations in accordance with §3103.4-1 of this title.

(c) The rental rate for a combined hydrocarbon lease shall be \$2 per acre per year, and shall be payable annually in advance.

(d) The rental rate for a tar sand lease shall be \$1.50 per acre for the first 5 years and \$2.00 per acre for each year thereafter.

(e) Except as explained in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, all other provisions of §§3103.2 and 3103.3 of this title apply to combined hydrocarbon leasing.

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§3141.5-4 Lease size.

Combined hydrocarbon leases or tar sand leases in Special Tar Sand Areas shall not exceed 5,760 acres.

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§3141.5-5 Dating of lease.

A combined hydrocarbon lease shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the date the lease is signed on behalf of the United States, except that where prior written request is made, a lease may be made effective on the first of the month in which the lease is signed.

§3141.6 Sale procedures.

§3141.6-1 Initiation of competitive lease offering.

The Bureau of Land Management may, on its own motion, offer lands through competitive bidding. A request or expression(s) of interest in tract(s) for competitive lease offerings shall be submitted in writing to the proper BLM office.

§3141.6-2 Publication of a notice of competitive lease offering.

(a) *Combined Hydrocarbon Leases.* Where a determination to offer lands for competitive leasing is made, a notice shall be published of the lease sale in the FEDERAL REGISTER and a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the lands to be leased are located. The publication shall appear once in the FEDERAL REGISTER and at least once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper, or for other such periods deemed necessary. The notice shall specify the time and place of sale; the manner in which the bids may be submitted; the description of the lands; the terms and conditions of the lease, including the royalty and rental rates; the amount of the minimum bid; and shall state that the terms and conditions of the leases are available for inspection and designate the proper BLM office where bid forms may be obtained.

(b) *Tar Sand Leases or Oil and Gas Leases.* At least 45 days prior to conducting a competitive auction, lands to be offered for a competitive lease sale shall be posted in the proper BLM office having jurisdiction over the lands as specified in §1821.10 of this chapter, and shall be made available for posting to surface managing agencies having jurisdiction over any of the included lands.

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§3141.6-3 Conduct of sales.

(a) *Combined Hydrocarbon Leases.* (1) Competitive sales shall be conducted by the submission of written sealed bids.

(2) Minimum bids shall be not less than \$25 per acre.

(3) In the event that only 1 sealed bid is received and it is equal to or greater than the minimum bid, that bid shall be considered the highest bid.

(4) The authorized officer may reject any or all bids.

(5) The authorized officer may waive minor deficiencies in the bids or the lease sale advertisement.

(6) A bid deposit of one-fifth of the amount of the sealed bid shall be required and shall accompany the sealed